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Mr. Doug Skie, Director
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Ecosystems Protection and Remediation

MONTANA OFFICE

Mrs Doug Skies:

Sir:

We have been Reviewing the "Phase-2 sampling and quality Assurance Project Plan Revision O for Libby, Montana, for 2000. Within that document you have been identified as the Director of Emergency Response Program, Ecosystems Protection and Remediation.

I recollect a memorandum which was sent to you and received on Nov. 16, 1992 from Mr. John Rasnic on the subject matter of "Applicability of Asbestos NESHA Roadway Standards." A copy of this memorandum is enclosed.

Please take a moment of your valuable time to read the definition of Asbestos tailing and Asbestos containing waste material. Mr. Rasnic further states that the material from W.R.Grace vermiculite mine would have to fit the definition of asbestos tailings or asbestos -containing waste material. But it did not.

My point Mr. Skie, is that the exclusion of the tailing material from the roadway standards simply because it is not a commercial asbestos product does not exempt it from being a toxic hazardous material. Surely you could recognize the ridiculous reasoning that was used to arrive at this irresponsible conclusion.

This road was finally built using tailings from the mine and it has provided access to logging trucks, wood cutters, hunters, wildlife viewing, back road access to Libby dam, general public, etc. for many years.

Also enclosed is a photograph taken of a logging truck entering Hwy-#37 from the mine site. This is the road built on mine tailings and the dust you see is a constant on the road when travelled. Our property sets below the junction of these two roads and therefore the dust a accumulation drifts and settles on us.

At a recent CAG meeting we were informed that the recent screening update indicated that out of 184 people diagnosed with asbestos related disease, 129 of these are non-occupational.



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At this point in time Mr. Skie I truly question your judgement as a director for the EPA. We are a fragile community and "Logic" is not a viable option in the search for answers to our problem. Your failure to further address the memorandum from Mr. Rasnic becomes "unacceptable" to us and we question your credibility as a Director in the Phase #2 operation in Libby, Montana .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mel & Lerah Parker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Mel & Lerah Parker